

say, in closing: As a proud ally of the LGBTQIA+ community in Washington State and across the country and as a voice for our State here in the Senate, I will never stop shining a spotlight on efforts from President Trump or any President to discriminate against our LGBTQIA+ loved ones, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, and I won't stop fighting against hatred in our laws and standing up for what is right, as well as encouraging others to make their voices heard, too, as we work to help our Nation live up to its ideals of justice and equality.

So, Mr. President, this may not be the celebratory Pride we expected or one like we have ever seen before, but it is one we should take as motivation and inspiration for the work ahead this June and in the coming months and years.

Happy Pride, everyone.

TRIBUTE TO RONALD K. MACHTLEY

Mr. REED. Madam President, I rise to join my colleague from Rhode Island in celebrating the career of a distinguished national servant and university leader, the Honorable Ronald K. Machtley, who is retiring from Bryant University after serving as its president for 24 years. Today, marks President Machtley's final day at the helm of Bryant University. He has been an extraordinary leader and has placed the university on a path for continued growth and innovation.

President Machtley brought a deep commitment to public service to Bryant University. A graduate of the Naval Academy, he retired as a captain after 25 years in Active Duty and the Reserves. He was elected to the House of Representatives to represent the First Congressional District of Rhode Island in 1988, where he served for three terms. Two of these terms, we served side by side. In 1996, he was selected to be the eighth president of then-Bryant College, an institution founded in 1863 to provide business education to working people, especially Civil War veterans.

When he arrived at Bryant College, President Machtley found an institution struggling to survive. Enrollment was low, with five empty dormitories, and the budget was in deficit. He began the painstaking work of restoring the college's confidence, finances, and educational programs. By 2004, Bryant College was ready to become Bryant University. Today, applications to Bryant are at alltime highs, and enrollment stands at 3,500 undergraduate students compared to only 2,200 in 1996. President Machtley also led successful capital campaigns and oversaw the transformation of campus facilities, including the 2016 opening of the state-of-the-art Academic Innovation Center. He expanded Bryant's reach around the globe, opening a campus in Zhuhai, China. These investments in the university have paid off. Bryant has

climbed in the national rankings, and Bryant graduates are highly competitive. Recent data show that 99 percent of Bryant University students have jobs or are in graduate school within 6 months of graduation.

Bryant University will also miss the contributions of Mrs. Kati C Machtley, who has served as an ambassador for the university and spearheaded important campus initiatives. Since 1997, Mrs. Machtley has led the annual Women's Summit at Bryant, which has provided a forum to inspire, empower, and advance women.

The Machtleys have helped lay the foundation that will launch Bryant University into the future. Now that future is in the good hands of the faculty, administration, students, and alumni. They continue to inspire us all with their example. I thank them for their service and wish them well in retirement.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I rise today to recognize former Congressman Ron Machtley from Rhode Island on his last day as president of Bryant University. President Machtley has led Bryant for almost a quarter century. During that time, he shepherded Bryant's transition from a regionally focused business college to a university that prepares students to succeed in a global economy.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Ron began his career in Active Duty with the Navy and retired from the U.S. Naval Reserves in 1995 with the rank of captain. He practiced law for a time before winning election to the U.S. House of Representatives. After leaving Congress, Machtley stepped into the role of president at Bryant University, where he has served for the past 24 years.

Bryant University was founded in Smithfield, RI, in 1863, in the middle of the Civil War. Bryant was originally intended to be a place Civil War veterans could learn the fundamentals of business and get a fresh start. When Ron Machtley moved into the president's office, Bryant College was still narrowly focused on business education. In 2004, President Machtley announced that Bryant would officially become a university with two distinct colleges: the College of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences.

President Machtley has put Bryant on the map in many other ways—increasing enrollment, revitalizing the campus, and joining competitive NCAA Division I athletics. Last year, an all-time high of more than 7,700 students from across the world applied for a spot in Bryant University's freshman class. To help prepare students to compete in a global economy, President Machtley established a new campus in Zhuhai, China, and expanded the university's study abroad options. Bryant has excelled at equipping students with the skills to earn success in business and many other fields. Employers clearly recognize the value of a degree from Bryant—99 percent of the class of 2019

was employed or pursuing an advanced degree within 6 months of graduation.

I wish President Machtley an active and enjoyable retirement, and I thank him for his dedicated service to the Bryant community.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND BRIAN J. SHANLEY

Mr. REED. Madam President, I rise to join my colleague from Rhode Island in celebrating the tenure of Reverend Brian J. Shanley as the 12th president of Providence College. As he completes his service, we thank him for his many contributions to the intellectual, social, and spiritual life in Providence.

A native of Warwick, RI, and a graduate of Toll Gate High School, Father Shanley raised the national profile of Providence College, strengthening its academic programs, transforming and modernizing the campus, and fielding championship athletic teams. During his presidency, the college established its first Center for Global Education, the East and West Campuses were finally connected, and the Friars brought home the 2014 Big East Men's Basketball Championship and the 2015 NCAA Men's Hockey Championship.

But the extent of his impact on students and the community is much broader than academic rankings, innovative land use, and sports. He advanced the mission of the college as an "institution of higher education and a community committed to academic excellence in pursuit of the truth, growth in virtue, and service of God and neighbor."

The motto of Providence College and the Dominican Order is "Veritas" or "Truth." As president, Father Shanley worked to create an environment where students could discover truth both academically and spiritually. He established an Office of Mission and Ministry. Under his leadership, Providence College students have performed thousands of hours of community service in the city and beyond. The search for truth has also led to a greater commitment to racial and social justice on campus. When students occupied his office, calling for action on diversity and inclusion, Father Shanley met with them and agreed to concrete actions to promote diversity and inclusion in academics and other aspects of campus life. During his tenure the college also established the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

As a scholar of philosophy, Father Shanley follows the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, another Dominican friar, who wrote that it is "better to illuminate than merely shine to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate." That is the kind of leadership Father Shanley has provided to Providence College for these past 15 years. He will be missed on campus and around town. I wish him well in his next endeavors and thank him for his service.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I rise today, along with my senior